

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 4, 2007

Mr. W. Douglas Parker  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
USAirways  
111 W. Rio Salado Parkway  
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Mr. Parker:

We write to express our extreme disappointment over your recent decision to reduce flights and employment levels at Pittsburgh International Airport.

It is our understanding that beginning in January 2008, USAirways intends to eliminate 40 flights and 950 jobs from its Pittsburgh operation. We are deeply concerned over the negative impacts that this decision will have on the southwestern Pennsylvania region and are disturbed that USAirways continues to reduce its presence in Pittsburgh.

This announcement not only has the potential to create economic and social hardships for the individuals and families affected by the employment reduction, but it may also leave business and recreational passengers with fewer travel options. Decreased air service options at Pittsburgh could likely hinder the airport's ability to attract business and economic development to southwestern Pennsylvania.

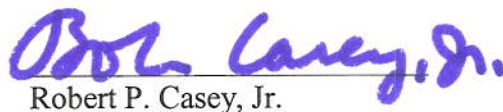
We are also concerned over your company's announcement that most of the flight reductions will occur on routes that provide service to and from small communities. This could have an even greater cumulative impact on the economy of Pennsylvania as many rural airports in our state connect to national destinations via Pittsburgh.

Accordingly, we urge you to reconsider this decision or at the very least make every conceivable effort to mitigate its potentially harmful impacts on the economy and quality of life of the greater Pittsburgh region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We also urge you to avoid if at all possible any future reductions to your presence at Pittsburgh International Airport.

Thank you for your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Arlen Specter

  
Robert P. Casey, Jr.

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airport will continue at great cost with  
reliance on USAirways operations. We ask  
you to do everything possible to maintain  
the maximum operations*